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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

This matter having been opened to the Board upon a complaint that the dental office of Martin Langlieb, D.D.S. ("respondent"), was maintained in an unsanitary manner. In response to the complaint, the Board directed the Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs to conduct an inspection of the premises at 120A Terhune Avenue, Lodi, New Jersey. That inspection revealed grossly unsanitary conditions, including dirty walls and fixtures in the laboratory, operatory, and lavatory, stained cuspidor, open containers holding various dental instruments, and dried cement on instrument trays. Additionally, the inspection revealed that respondent does not have a contract for disposal of medical waste; needle tips are stored in empty alginate containers.

Respondent disposes of carpules, extracted teeth, and bloody gauze in the garbage and cleans instruments by wiping them with alcohol. There was no emergency kit present in the office. Respondent possessed twenty four carpules of Isocaine HCI 2% which bore an inspection date of July 1992 and fifty carpules of Lidocaine which bore an expiration date of September 1998.

On April 22, 1999, respondent appeared before the Board without counsel. In response to questions, respondent advised the Board that his Lodi office was closed by him in December 1998. He currently practices at 0-94 Midland Avenue, Fair Lawn, New Jersey. He admitted to the Board that he had not had a medical waste contractor for ten to fifteen years and that he stores the needles in his office basement. When asked about his failure to secure a medical waste contractor, respondent merely stated that he "had not gotten around to it." Respondent has not performed spore testing for his autoclave unit, and acknowledged that he has not had the unit tested for several years. He cleans his instruments by wiping with alcohol and using cold sterilation solutions.

Based on respondent's testimony and the results of the inspection conducted by the Enforcement Bureau, the Board finds that respondent has failed to maintain his dental office in a manner consistent with the public's health safety and welfare and that the conduct constitutes repeated acts of negligence, malpractice or incompetence in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d).

THEREFORE IT IS ON THIS 29 DAY OF April, 1999,
ORDERED:

1. Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of dentistry in this State until he complies with the provisions of this order.

2. Respondent shall immediately secure the services of a medical waste contractor and cause to be removed from his office all medical waste consistent with the requirements of state and federal laws.

3. Respondent shall successfully complete twenty-one (21) hours of continuing education in infection control, including aseptic technique and OSHA requirements. These courses, which are in addition to the regularly required continuing education hours for biennial renewal, shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance using the attached pre-approval sheet. The course must be completed prior to respondent's return to practice. Respondent shall also complete the attached continuing education report and proof of attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. A separate form shall be used for each course.

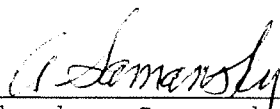
4. Respondent shall submit proofs of completion of 40 credits of continuing education for the renewal period 1997-1999 not later than July 31, 1999. Those credits are in addition to the credits required by paragraph 3 above and are in addition to continuing education credits required for the renewal period 1999-2001.

5. Prior to resumption of practice, respondent's office shall be inspected to assure that sanitary conditions and appropriate sterilization procedures exist and a valid contract for medical waste disposal is in place. Respondent shall be

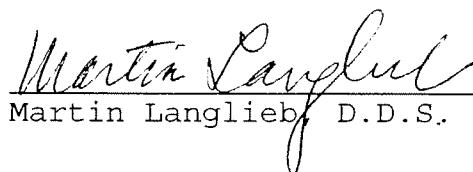
responsible for costs associated with that inspection and shall pay those costs within 30 days of receipt of an affidavit of costs.

6. Within 30 days of receipt of an affidavit of costs, respondent shall pay costs of investigation in this matter. Payment for costs shall be paid by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to Agnes M. Clarke, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, Sixth Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

New Jersey Board of Dentistry

By: 
Abraham Samansky, D.D.S.
President

I have read and understand the terms of this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

 1/14/99
Martin Langlieb, D.D.S.